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Re Point V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting this statement

1. The present application does not satisfy the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of Claims 1-4, and 6-9 is not novel within the meaning of Article 33 (2) PCT.
  - 1.1 US-A 2002/0157648 (D1) describes (cf. figure) a fuel injector having a nozzle body 4, and a seal 16, 32 which seals the fuel injector from a cylinder head. Seal 32 has the form of a sleeve with a cross section in the shape of a corrugated tube, corresponding protrusions having a semicircular cross section, and it extends across the axial length of nozzle body 4, according to the features of Claims 1 - 4.
  - 1.2 DE-A 19 955 896 (D2), too, shows in Figure 1 a fuel injector according to Claim 1, the seal being made up of two parts 4 and 5, so that, in addition, the feature of Claim 6 of the application is known therefrom.
  - 1.3 US-A 4 589 596 (D3) describes in Figure 1 another fuel injector according to Claim 1 having a seal 14, which, in addition, is provided with a cover plate at the discharge-side end, with an opening as a passage for fuel jets according to Claims 7 - 9 of the application.
2. The dependent Claims 5 and 10 -12 do not include any features that, in combination with the features of any

claim to which they relate, satisfy the PCT requirements with regard to inventive activity since they include only conventional developments or material selections with respect to previous claims.